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QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI MOPS VS

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH MR4 COMMANDER

1. MR4 COMMANDER, MG NGUYEN KHOA NAM, TODAY TOLD ME THAT
PRESIDENT THIEU HAS GIVEN HIM PERMISSION TO ADD FORTH
INFANTRY BATTALION TO EACH REGIMENT OF HIS THREE ARVN DIVISIONS.
TROOPS FOR THESE NEW UNITS WILL COME FROM UPGRADING OF RF
TROOPERS. DEPLETED RF UNITS ARE TO BE FILLED IN TURN WITH
UPGRADED PF SOLDIERS. AT LOWER END OF CHAIN, UNDERSTRENGTH
PF PLATOONS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ALINGUISH. PURPOSE OF UP-
GRADING EXERCISE IS TO ADD POWER TO MOBILE, MAINFORCE UNITS
AT EXPENSE OF MANPOWER CONSUMING STATIC DEFENSE ELEMENTS WITH
MARGINAL COMBAT CAPACITY.

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2. IN SAME CONVERSATION, NAM SAID HE EXPECTS NVA/VC TO TURN ATTENTION TO MR4 AFTER BATTLE WHICH NOW SHAPING UP FOR TAY NINH. SHOULD LARGE NVA FORCES IN MR3 BE SUCCESSFUL IN TAKING TAY NINH SOME OF THEM WILL BE SENT SOUTWARDS TO ATTACK NORTHERN MR4, PROBABLY IN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE.

3. NAM IS ESPECIALLY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBILITY NVA DEPLOYING CAPTURED APC'S IN MR4. HIS TROOPS ARE NOT WELL SUPPLIED WITH ANTI-TANK WEAPONS AND, EXCEPT IN NORTHERN BORDER AREA, NOT ACCUSTOMED TO FIGHTING AGAINST ARMOR.
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